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Dear Examiner Haghighatian:

Per our conversation of even date, I am enclosing a copy of our Response After Final Rejection along with a copy of the return receipt postcard date stamped by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 1, 2003.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 03, 2003, please enter and consider the following remarks.

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